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STUDENT TIP OF THE WEEK: HELP APHA REACH THE HEALTHIEST NATION 2030 GOAL WITH THE 1 BILLION STEPS CHALLENGE

Since walking is one of the easiest things that we can do to improve our health, grab your friends, family, and colleagues and help take one billion steps by May 31. Register and track your steps and be entered to win a FitBit Charge HR or a $25 Amazon gift card. Drawings happening weekly!  ➤Read more

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - THE HEINZ JOURNAL SUMMER EDITION

Carnegie Mellon’s student-run policy journal is looking to broaden their scope and reach by expanding network and building ties with other institutions. Journal features pieces that advance the policy debate and call for innovative solutions to the most challenging social, economic, and political issues today.  ➤Read more or submit to heinzjournal@andrew.cmu.edu.

STAFF ASSOCIATION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Read this month’s newsletter for info on the Staff Spring Assembly, Staff and Faculty Appreciation Picnic, Pitt Day at Kennywood, and more! http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=611bc6ec53636b2b9f1e22c0&id=197b8c00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMER INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE: LEARNING BY DOING SIMULATION FOR FACULTY AND STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF
  
  Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
  
  Attendees will be inspired to consider possibilities for teaching that challenge our students with meaningful, authentic learning activities, simulating aspects of life that extend beyond the college experience.  ➤Read more

- SCHOOL-WIDE FACULTY MEETING WITH SR. VICE CHANCELLOR LEVINE
  
  Thursday, May 19, 3-4 p.m., A115 Crabtree
  
  Faculty, staff, and students are invited to hear Dean Burke give a state-of-the-school update followed by a question session with the Senior Vice Chancellor.

- CURA ZIKA SYMPOSIUM
  
  Thursday, May 5, 1-3 p.m., Pitt Public Health Laboratory Pavilion Auditorium (G23)
  
  Showcasing the work being done on Zika at Pitt and celebrating the launch of the Cura Zika Alliance. publichealth.pitt.edu/curazika

- ALUMNI AWARDS
  
  Friday, May 20, 5:30 welcome reception, 6 p.m. dinner, University Club.
  
  Each year outstanding alumni from the Graduate School of Public Health who have made a significant contribution to the field of public health, to the school, or to both are recognized in five categories. publichealth.pitt.edu/alumni-awards

- POSTDOCTORAL DATA AND DINE SYMPOSIUM – HOW POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING CONTRIBUTES TO ADVANCING THE UNIVERSITY’S
RESEARCH ENTERPRISE
Tuesday, May 17, 5 p.m.—May 6 abstract submission deadline
A scientific poster session and networking dinner for University of Pittsburgh postdoctoral associates and scholars to present their research to colleagues, faculty, and administrators. ▶Read more

- RACE AND CHILD WELFARE: NATIONAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES IN RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY
June 9
Learn promising new techniques in research, policy, and practice from members of the community, scholars, policy makers, and agency professionals in this summer institute offered by the School of Social Work’s Center for Race and Social Problems. ▶Read more

- FALL EPCC MEETING SCHEDULE
For meeting dates, instructions on submitting proposals, forms, and a list of your department's committee representatives, visit publichealth.pitt.edu/epcc.

RESEARCH NEWS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN PIVOT
The following opportunities were recently added: Building Public Health Capacity for Drought Response, Capacity-Building for Ecological Surveillance of Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers in Sierra Leone, Emerging Infectious Programs, Innovative Research Grant, Strengthening Partnerships with State Legislatures to Promote the Safety of FDA Regulated Products and Advance Public Health. ▶Read more

new to Pitt, a handbook for faculty new to Pitt, responsibility for the overall management of the Health Sciences Core Research Facilities:

1. Biomedical Mass Spectrometry Center (BioMS) – Proteomics and Metabolomics; www.bioms.pitt.edu
2. Genomics Research Core (GRC) – Genomics; www.genetics.pitt.edu
3. Health Sciences Tissue Bank (HSTB) – Collection and distribution of human clinical tissues and histology; www.tissuebank.pitt.edu
4. Peptide and Peptoid Synthesis Core – Custom peptide and peptoid synthesis; www.peptide.pitt.edu
5. Small Molecule Biomarker Core (SMBC) – Mass Spectrometry based small molecule quantitation; www.biomarkers.pitt.edu

Any questions or concerns about any of these cores that are not adequately addressed by the individual core's manager/director should be directed to Paul Wood, OORHS assistant director for core facilities. Visit the OORHS website, for funding announcements, important University and federal research policies, highlighted seminar announcements, and extensive tips to aid in the submission of successful grant applications, including ARTHUR, the Application Repository to Help University Researchers.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:
- Maura Maloney: Analysis of the REMEDIES 4D Clinical Trial: A Redesign of Primary Care to Overcome...
- ETD Support (Electronic Thesis & Dissertation submission) – two sessions
- MPH Committee Meeting
- Climate Changes Health: Tools to Communicate the Problem (An APHA/CDC Webinar)
- Celebration of Student Awards
- University of Pittsburgh Commencement
- Pitt Public Health Convocation

See complete list of events at publichealth.pitt.edu/calendar

▶Read last week's update

Module Expired - 12/9/2015 12:00:00 AM

Read this week's Weekly Update student edition.

The Weekly Update is e-mailed to all currently active students every Friday and can always be accessed from this Web page or directly via www.publichealth.pitt.edu/weeklyupdate. It contains information on scholarships, internships and fellowships, upcoming events, student news, studer organization events, course information, and graduation updates.

Submit events and announcements at mypublichealth.pitt.edu/submit.

Is it working for you? Click here to take the student edition survey. We value your feedback.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 DEAN’S DAY AWARD WINNERS

Thank you to all of the faculty, students, and alumni that participated in Dean’s Day this year, and congratulations to all winners. We look forward to Dean’s Day 2017. For a list of winners, ►Read more

TEACHING TIP OF THE WEEK - THE LAST CLASS SESSION: HOW TO MAKE IT COUNT

In the article of the same name, Dr. Maryellen Weimer offers ideas ready for you to insert into your last day of class. The activities listed would be enriching to both students and you the faculty instructor. The article also provides ideas for the first day of class too, so save this article until next term! ►Read more

FALL COURSE SHELLS CREATED IN BLACKBOARD

Look for your fall 2016 course with the prefix 2171. If you don’t see expected courses in your My Courses module, check with your department’s PeopleSoft administrator to make sure that you have been enrolled in the course as an instructor or TA. Remember that all courses are unavailable to students until such time as the instructor makes them available manually.

RECENTLY ADDED LIMITED SUBMISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Limited submission funding opportunities have been added to the University’s internal competition site, Competition Space, accessible via the MyPitt Resources portal. Check out the Brain Research Foundation 2017 Scientific Innovations Award, NIH Maximizing Access to Research Careers Undergraduate – Student in Academic Research, NSF Innovation Corps – National Innovation Network Sites Program. Questions regarding these funding opportunities or the internal competition process should be directed to Ryan Champagne ►Read more

UPDATES FROM CAREER SERVICES:

Check out McKinsey’s Web Resources
Job hunting? Learn about exciting careers at McKinsey!
Career Services Online Resource Library
Looking for articles on how to prepare for an interview, write a stellar personal statement, or how to network effectively? Login to Pitt Bridges today and check out Career Service's online resource library! After login, select “Career Services Resource Library” under the “Resources” tab at the top of your Pitt Bridges homepage to begin exploring.

TURNITIN WORKSHOPS ALL NEXT WEEK: 9 UNIQUE FREE WEBINARS
Join Turnitin online for webinars all week long. Select session titles include: Stylish Academic Writing, Teaching the Writing Brain, Mimicry & Plagiarism, and Beyond Integrity: Why We Cite. ▶Register and read more

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
- Upcoming CIDDE Workshops:
  Drawing With Adobe Illustrator
  Friday. May 20 2:00-3:30 PM
  Introduction to Blackboard
  Tuesday, May 24 2:00-3:30 PM

- Sign Up for the Summer Instructional Development Institute: Learning by Doing - Simulation for Faculty & Student Support Staff
  Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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COMING UP THIS WEEK:
- Applications due for June graduation
- Poster Presentations: Communicating Effectively with Your Audience to Advance Your Career
- “What’s Race Got to Do With It?” Film Viewing and Discussion

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ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR?
- The Exit Survey is now open for April graduates.
- Upcoming graduation deadlines: The final deadline to apply for April graduation has passed. Apply for June graduation by April 21 to avoid late fee. Apply for August graduation by May 24 to avoid late fee.
- If you haven’t announced your dissertation defense yet, make sure to do so ASAP.
- RSVP for Convocation today!

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UPDATED! STUDENT TIP OF THE WEEK: PITT PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI MENTORING

Did you know that our alumni have generously volunteered to serve as mentors to students? Request a resume review, discuss strategies for networking, or simply conduct an informational interview with them about their career path. We recommend that you select a mentor whose profession most closely matches your own career goals, and that you talk to Joan Anson, director of career services, before getting started. See the list of mentors.

UPDATED! TEACHING TIP OF THE WEEK: THE IMPACT CULTURE HAS ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY UNDERSTANDING

An article by Marian Kisch published in International Educator discusses the wide variety of challenges and offers tips and solutions to assist faculty in the classroom, including:

- be proactive in communicating with international students
- be conscious of topics that presume an understanding of American history, politics, and systems
- clarify class policy expectations
- provide examples of successful coursework
- recognize that language proficiency is not usually the barrier to academic success

Learn more at next week’s Professional Development Workshop: Understanding the Impact Culture has on Academics, Academic Integrity, and Plagiarism.

NEW! FACULTY: JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF STUDENT AWARDS AND THE SIXTY-SIXTH CONVOCATION

Help us celebrate the achievements of our 2015-16 graduates with these two annual events. ➤Read more

NEW! PROVOST’S DIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT 2016

Check out this newly announced program featuring a variety of programming. Open to staff and students too. ➤Read more

NEW! BCHS 2562 SEMINAR IN FAMILY PLANNING HOSTING EXHIBIT AT KIMBO ART GALLERY

Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m. (opening reception) through April 21, C.M. Kimbo Art Gallery, William Pitt Union first floor
Visit this exhibit hosted by our students, entitled “Beyond the Rhetoric: Family Planning in Their Own Words.”

NEW! ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC HEALTH COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR WOMEN’S SHELTER

Through April 22
Donate common toiletry items and feminine products to benefit the Women’s Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. Drop items off to the donation box in 309A Parran. ➤Contact AWPH officers with questions.

NEW! DEAN’S DAY ORAL PRESENTATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Thanks to all of the students that presented and the faculty that judged during Dean’s Day 2016. Check out pictures from the event on Flickr and make sure to attend selected oral presentations and the awards ceremony on Friday, April 15. Followed by a school-wide celebration.

NEW! REQUEST FOR PILOT PROJECTS - PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR KIDNEY RESEARCH

May 16 deadline
Pitt’s O’Brien Kidney Research Core Center will support three new projects for up to two years at $30,000/year beginning August 1. Intended for newly independent investigators without current or previous R01 or VA Merit Review funding, established investigators with limited previous kidney-related research, or established renal investigators proposing innovative ideas that represent a clear departure from ongoing research directions. Contact Thomas Kleyman, MD or Ora Weisz, PhD, for full information.

UPDATES FROM CAREER SERVICES

- This week in Pitt Bridges: ➤Login and click on the Jobs tab to see our newest postings, including a malaria research associate in Central America for the Clinton
Health Access Initiative, and epidemiologist for the PA Department of Health, and a program evaluator for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

- **Need to practice interviewing?** April is a great month to set up a mock interview with Career Services! ► [Schedule an appointment](https://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/life/whats-happening/weekly-update) on Pitt Bridges.

**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

- **Graduation Central** – if you’re a student graduating this term or a faculty member looking for regalia to participate in Pitt Public Health’s Convocation, [attend Graduation Central](https://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/life/whats-happening/weekly-update) on April 12 or 13
- **PATH Leads Innovation to Save Lives Lecture**
- **Trivia Night** with Student Government Association
- **Understanding the Impact Culture has on Academics, Academic Integrity, and Plagiarism.** Our final teaching-focused Professional Development Workshop of the term
- **Infectious Disease Outbreak Training** with the Student Public Health Epidemic Response Effort (SPHERE)
- **Dean’s Day Oral Presentations and Awards Ceremony**

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